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KRAFTWERK FANZINE

This document contains the scanned pages of one of the Kraftwerk Aktivität Fanzines or complimentary publications that were produced from 1992 through to 1998.

During this time 10 Fanzines were published along with various update issues and other complimentary publications.

The scans have only been altered for clarity, with the exception of addresses and phone numbers that have now been blocked out. So please note that all errors and miss-information are as they appeared at the time of publication. Later issues tried to address the earlier problems as the production team put more stringent editorial practices in place.

Greetings,

What have we got here? An Update sheet over a month old and this additional sheet?? Alas, 'technical difficulties' (i.e. my file containing the mailing addresses becoming corrupt and a long-winded process of re-piecing it all together) has unfortunately meant that the April 'Update' sheet is well out of date, hence this extra sheet. So, in addition to the April news, we have...

TOPICS AT A GLANCE;

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NEW KRAFTWERK RE-RELEASES FROM EMI CONFIRMED

EMI records yesterday (Friday 9 May) issued a press release regarding the Kraftwerk appearance at 'Tribal Gathering' and the releases that will be appearing. As we all have assumed for a while now, no new album. Nor single, even.

June 2 will see a re-issue of 'The Man Machine' on CD - this time round as a double CD. CD 1 contains the standard album. CD 2 contains three additional tracks; 'Die Roboter', 'Neon Licht' and 'Das Model'. In the case of the first two tracks I assume that these will be the German 7" single edits(?). The packaging has been revamped into the 'digipak' format. Similar releases, with a second bonus CD, will appear in July for 'Trans-Europe Express' and 'Radio-Activity'.

Meanwhile... Throughout May EMI will issue four separate DJ-only promo 12" singles; 'Trans-Europe Express', 'Home Computer (It's More Fun To Compute)', 'Numbers' and 'Music Non Stop'. Apparently the pressings are of 1000 each.

A separate box-set to house these will also be available as a strictly promo-only item in a limited edition of 250. This, in addition to the box, will also contain a Kraftwerk t-shirt.

COLOURED VINYL 12" SINGLES

Just to confuse matters, a series of coloured vinyl 12" singles have also appeared in the shops bearing the name Kraftwerk. There appear to be five of them on the go; on blue, red, marbled pink, green and yellow vinyl. These contain DJ remix/cover versions of Kraftwerk tracks. They have been advertised by Esprit Mail Order and the likes, as well as appearing as Imports in stores such as HMV and Virgin. Of the two examples I've heard thus far ('Computer Love'/'Trans-Europe Express' and 'Home Computer'/'Trans-Europe Express' they are quite obviously not the work of Kraftwerk themselves. Hopefully more details should appear in issue 9 of the fanzine about these releases.

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AKTIVITÄT 9

As I'm sure you will gather, with the upcoming live appearance of Kraftwerk at the 'Tribal Gathering' event it seems sensible, now so close to the first real Kraftwerk activity in some years, to wait until after this show before putting out the new issue of Aktivität. If all goes well and suitable material is forthcoming to document this show, issue 9 should appear at some point in June.

MORE MAGAZINE ARTICLES

Probably too late now... but... the April/May (No.7) issue of the UK 'Jockey Slut' dance magazine contains an article on Kraftwerk. The June issue of 'Future Music' magazine will also contain a Kraftwerk article, pieced together from a past interview though. The German Musik Express' magazine shall also contain a Kraftwerk retrospective article in the June issue.

YAMO 'TIME PIE' CD RELEASED

Wolfgang Flür's 'Yamo' have finally seen a release of the 'Time Pie' album in Germany. Available in both standard and 'digipak' cases, the catalogue numbers are EMI Odeon 854 173 2 (standard version) and EMI Odeon 854 172 2 (limited digipak version). Review to follow, I hope, in issue 9. Flür's US publicist, Doreen D'Agostino, has revealed, via a new message on the Internet, that there are hopes for both US and Japanese releases too.

KINETIK NEWS

Kinetik are set to play live at this years EMMA 1997 festival of electronic music, on Saturday 31 May, in Derby at the Assembly Rooms. Further details are available from Kinetik or at the following WWW URL; <http://users.globalnet.co.uk/~dhughes/emma.html.live>

To coincide with this appearance, Kinetik's long-awaited 'Refined' album will also be released. It is possible to purchase in advance a reserved copy of 'refined' at a cost of £12.00 +£1.00 P&P (£1.50 for postage abroad). Fans, admirers and friends who previously purchased 'Kinetik - Live 1995 - The Burning Issue' may use their special £1.00 discount voucher. If ordering an advance reserved copy of the CD please make all cheques/POs etc. payable to 'C. Jordan'. All copies of the CD not reserved by May 31 will be on sale at the EMMA festival. Further details on all these matters can be obtained from;

Kinetik,

or

Kinetik,

Summarised by Ian Calder, May 1997.



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